

## Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin 22-37 November 23, 2022

## **2022 Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation Ground Mileage Rate Increase**

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) implemented a Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation (NEAT) ground mileage rate increase due to funding allocated through House Bill No.1 of the 2022 Louisiana Regular Session.

Effective July 1, 2022, LDH increased the current NEAT ground mileage rate of \$6.34 per statute mile by \$1.18 per statute mile for a total of \$7.52 per statute mile for all NEAT ground mileage. HCPCS code A0425 with type of service 03 and claim type 07 represents NEAT ground mileage, per statute mile.

Claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022 through current date will be systematically recycled/adjusted with no action required by the ambulance providers.

Each managed care organization (MCO) and the current Fee-For-Service (FFS) transportation broker must update its system to reflect the July 1, 2022 NEAT mileage reimbursement rate increase and allow all providers the opportunity to enter into contract amendments that include the updated rates within 60 days of notification. The MCOs and FFS transportation brokers shall reimburse providers the increased mileage rate for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022 through current date. Both the MCOs and the FFS transportation broker shall notify the providers of their process and timeline for implementing the mileage reimbursement updates.

All inquiries regarding MCO claims should be directed to the appropriate MCO. All inquiries regarding FFS claims should be directed to the FFS transportation broker.